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STARTING AND MANAGING AN OREGON VINEYARD

BY A. H. CARSON, HORTICULTURAL COMMISSIONER, GRANTS PASS, OREGON

HERE are a number of persons living in the Rogue River Valley who at this time recognize the fact that climatic conditions together with soil make the Rogue River Valley

an ideal place to grow the grape.
Whatever knowledge I may have was gained through more than twenty years of practical experience in grape growing. I hope I may be able in this paper to point out details in the starting, growing and management of a vineyard that will aid the beginners so that they may avoid the errors and mistakes of which I have made so many.

The location of the vineyard is an important factor to assure success. The soil must be warm, of good depth and well drained. Cold, wet land is not congenial to the growth of the grape. Our foothill lands, if the loam has depth not less than two feet, sloping to the southeast, south and southwest, with an eleva-tion from twelve hundred to twenty-five hundred feet, are ideal locations for a vineyard, providing there is not too much broken rock in the soil to prevent thorough plowing and subsequent cultivation. To mature the grape it must be grown in an equable temperature with ample sunshine, and our southeast, south and southwest hillsides are locations that come nearer furnishing these con-ditions than would a northern slope or a level flat.

Do not plant the grape on a northern slope in this climate, as the variation in temperature during every twenty-four hours is much greater than on a southern slope, and, too, a southern slope will give on an average one hour more sunshine in twenty-four than on a northern slope. By planting your vineyard on a southern slope you avoid the blighting effect of the north wind on the bloom. The quantity and quality of grapes grown on a northern exposure never equal those grown on a southern exposure. Assuming that the intended vineyard is grubbed and all stumps removed, thorough plowing of the ground to a depth

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of fourteen to sixteen inches should be had, with the surface well harrowed and pulverized.

To get this depth we use the turning plow and turn over the surface to a depth of eight inches and with a second team follow up each furrow as turned with a subsoil plow, breaking up the subsoil seven to eight inches deeper, letting it fall back into the furrow made

by the turning plow.

Plowing and breaking up the subsoil to this depth insures good drainage to carry off surplus water in case of heavy rainfall, warms up the soil, pulverizes it, rainfail, warms up the soil, pulverizes it, and enables the soil to stand drouth. With proper cultivation that means much in growth of the new vineyard you seek to establish the first year.

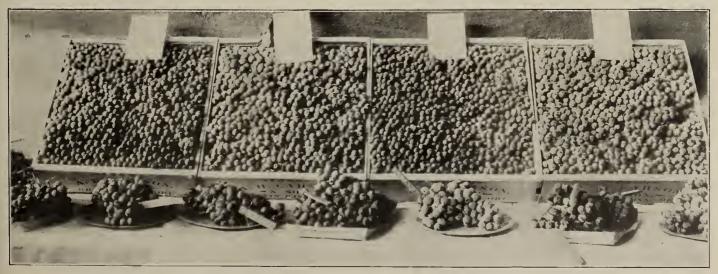
Many old vineyards are planted too closely, too many vines to the acre; 6x8 and 8x8 feet is not distant enough. Any and all of the European varieties should

and all of the European varieties should not be planted nearer than 9x9 feet, 535 vines to the acre, and 10x10 feet would be better.

To get the best results the vine must have room to grow, with ample soil from which to draw its food, and you must have room to till and cultivate to make this plant food available to the young or

Old growing vine.

Preparatory to planting the young vines use a line about 300 feet long and lay out the end and side lines of the vineyard, so that one end and one side forms a true right angle. Without a compass you can use a carpenter's square to lay off a right angle. Peg these side and end lines the distance apart you wish your vines to stand in the vineyard, Use pegs half an inch in diameter, and in making your measurements from peg to peg use a pole the desired length between vines, always pegging carefully the distance your pole indicates. By using the line on each row and setting the pegs carefully with a well stretched line you can lay off any number of acres on level or rolling ground and the pegs will be in line in all directions. In planting the young vines do not remove the peg, but plant them on the south side of each peg, so



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that the top bud of the vine will be about one inch from the peg.

I would always use one-year-old rooted vines to plant a new vineyard. Unrooted cuttings are too much risk, as many of them fail to root in the vineyard, and if you use them you will always have many vacant places in the vineyard, which you will have to replant the following year. Root your cuttings in warm, sandy loam in nursery.

A strong rooted vine of one year's growth will put out canes from one to

two feet in length. Cut back all of this growth to two or three buds. Shear off all lateral rootlets on the rooted cutting close to the cutting, and of the rootlets at the lower part of the rooted vine-shorten them in to two or three inches. This prepares the young vine to be planted in its new home. You can plant this young rooted vine any time in this climate from November 15 to May 1, providing you have the soil in condition and the weather is not freezing. What I mean by soil in condition is when it will work free and is not too wet.

Last year I planted in vineyard 4000 one-year rooted vines during April, and my loss was only a half of one per cent. The most of this small loss was caused by rabbits and cut worms eating off the tender growth during the summer as fast as it grew.

After planting out, all you have to do this year is to cultivate and keep on cultivating

whether there are weeds or not until August 15. Stir the surface soil once a week with harrow or spring tooth to conserve moisture. Your success in growing a vineyard will be in your willingness to pay the price-work. If you do not possess that capital—a willingness to work and bestow the necessary labor —don't plant a vineyard, as your success or your non-success will reflect your personality.

The first year let every bud that quickens and grows alone. Do not remove a leaf. It is one of the organs

of the plant in conjunction with the roots that is necessary to establish the vine in the new home you have placed

The first year the growth of the vine will be small and the beginner may at the end of the growing period be discouraged and fear that his soil and location are not adapted to the and location are not adapted to the growth of the grape. Time will prove his fears are without reason. In February or March of the second year go over your young vineyard and be tied firmly near the top of the stake in a notch cut into the stake, so that the swaying of the young cane by the wind will not work the top string down the stake, thereby pulling down the tender growth, which hardens in time and leaves you with a crooked, deformed stump that pruning cannot remedy. Your only remedy in such cases is to cut back all the growth the spring following and start a new cane to form a new stump.

There will be weak vines the second year which will not make strong enough



A GLIMPSE OF A. H. CARSON IN HIS VINEYARD NEAR GRANTS PASS, OREGON

cut back all growth of the first year, leaving only two or three buds. If two or more canes have grown, take off the weaker ones and leave the stronger one, but be sure to cut it back to two or three buds. Cultivate the vineyard as I suggested for the first year. By the middle of June you will find that many of your vines have grown canes four feet long or

more, with strong, vigorous canes.

Pluck or cut off the weaker canes;
drive a sharpened stake on the north side of the strong cane left and tie to it.

After being driven the stake should be two feet high. It should be driven down firmly. Tying the cane to the stake is particular work, as this cane forms the future stump to support the grapes you hope to grow.

Two strong strings are required to tie a growing cane to the stake. The loop left around the growing caue must be left large enough so that the growing cane will not cane will not fill it so as to cut off and strangle it. The top string must

growth to stake. Let them alone, and the third year cut them back to two or three buds and they will soon show a vigorous growth that will do to tie to a stake. Vineyards grown on the stump, as nearly all European varieties are grown, require staking for seven or eight years, until the stump is strong enough to bear its burden of luscious grapes. By using cedar stakes at the beginning you will avoid the necessity of restaking many vines.

Do not expect many grapes from your young vineyard until it is five years old. You will get a few grapes the third year. Commercially speaking, your profit will not begin until the vineyard is five and six years old. When they have attained that age they will pay you six per cent on a valuation so large that I am too modest to tell you what that valuation is.

There are many choice varieties among the European grapes. The Muscat, Malaga and Flame Tokay are in my opinion the three best. Only the best should be grown for home use or the market. All three are firm, late grapes, good keepers, great bearers, and quality superb, and if properly ripened, picked and packed will stand shipping across the continent and will sell in the Eastern markets at top

There are many other table grapes, such as the Black Prince, Cornichon, Black Hamburg, Black Ferrera, Gros Maroe and Purple Damascus, that are

I often hear the remark: "I believe I would like grape growing, as grapes, like Topsy, just grow-you don't have to



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spray them." This is a mistake. I say to you that if you become a commercial grape grower you will have no graft. If you have success you will have to bestow the labor and care that men in apple, pear and peach growing bestow to assure success. The grape has its fungi and its insect pests, and you will have to intelligently meet and overcome these diseases and pests or you will fail.

Of insect pests we have the grape vine aphis. This pest so far has not proved

serious.

the birds, destroy many of them, and owing to its large size you can readily detect him and when found knock him off the vine and with the hoe end him. The climbing cut worm is a serious pest on one and two-year-old vines. They are nocturnal in their habits, feeding at night, and were it not for our robins and bluebirds, who detect them and destroy them in countless numbers they would destroy any and all growing vegetation in our fields in early spring and summer



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Then we have the green grape vine sphinx. The larvae of this insect some years are very plenty, and if permitted would do serious damage to the growing vine. In this climate the female moth deposits from one to three eggs on the under side of the leaf, about June 1. The egg is about one-twentieth of an inch in diameter, whitish in color and oval in form. In five or six days the egg hatches, and the young larva soon begins on the young, tender foliage. His growth is rapid, and in a short time he becomes a python among leaf-eating worms. I have seen the grown larva that measured two and three-quarter inches in length and as large around as the little finger. Two or three of these grown worms will, if not discovered, soon strip every leaf from an old vine. Its natural enemies.

months. Thanks to Governor Chamberlain's wisdom, when he interposed his veto to the Perkins bill, as to what extent the law can protect the fruit growers' friends, yet remains law.

growers' friends, yet remains law.

The most dreaded insect pest is the grape phylloxera. It has not yet made its appearance in any of the vincyards of Oregon, but is in portions of the grape-growing districts of California. When it does appear here, if it does, our only remedy is to graft the finer European grapes on resistant roots. Of fungus diseases we have grape anthracnose, mildew, grape rot, rust and grape knot.

mildew, grape rot, rust and grape knot.
All of these fungous diseases readily yield to spraying with Bordeaux in the spring, just the buds begin swelling, excepting the grape knot. This disease affects the old wood of all European

grapes, and has existed in California since the first planting of the grape by the Mission Fathers. It does not affect the fruit in quality or size.

My oldest vineyard of 7000 vines, which has been in bearing for over twenty years, has been affected with the grape knot from the beginning, and I have not lost ten grape vines from grape knot during that period.

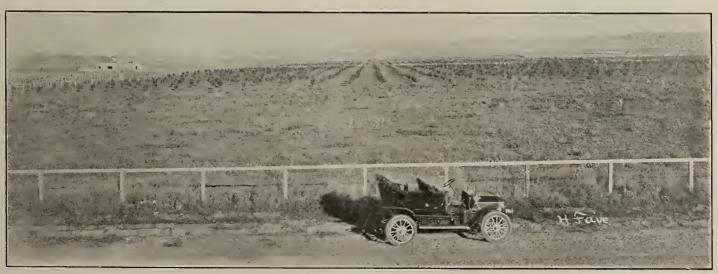
Mildew you will find the most annoying fungus the grape grower has to contend with. It affects the growing canes, leaves and fruit, and if it develops in any portion of the vineyard during the season you will lose all the fruit on every vine it attacks. However, mildew is easily controlled. If you lose a crop of grapes from the mildew the fault is your own, as the remedy costs you but

little.

If mildew once becomes established in the vineyard during the season all vines so affected are past help for that season. Spraying the vines with Bordeaux, or flour of sulphur shaken in each vine, will prevent mildew from developing. If flour of sulphur is shaken in each vine when in bloom and again when the grapes are the size of BB shot it will prevent mildew, or if you will spray the vines with standard Bordeaux just as the buds begin swelling in the spring and again with modified Bordeaux when the grapes become of the size of BB shot you will prevent mildew. These remedies are cheap and effective, and if you become a grape grower you run much risk if you fail to treat your vines annually.

The question of winter and summer pruning is hard to explain in a paper of this character so as to make it of practical value to a beginner. The beginner's best method to learn pruning is to go into a vineyard with a pruner of knowledge and have an object lesson. No two vines of the same variety are pruned exactly alike, as they all vary in vigor and must be pruned accordingly to get the best results. If my Jackson and Josephine County friends who are beginners in grape growing will come to my vineyard in February and March I will be glad to give them object lessons in pruning the grape, so far as my knowledge goes on that subject.

Again, picking and packing the grape for market, as well as selling it, are



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phases of the grape grower's work that

would make this paper too lengthy to go into at this time. I hope to take this subject up at some future time.

The timid often say to me, "There are a good many people going to engage in grape growing. Won't production soon be greater than demand?" My answer has always been no. It must be remembered that the possibility to grow and mature such grapes as the Tokay, Mustion of Arizona and New Mexico can grow them by resorting to irrigation. Irrigated grapes do not have the shipping qualities that non-irrigated grapes have. They soon decay, hence will not be a serious rival to our non-irrigated grapes of the Rogue River Valley in Eastern markets.

For the past seven years I have been shipping one to two thousand crates of these grapes to the Portland market.
With increased ship-

ments prices have advanced annually. My first year's shipment of Tokays sold for \$1.10 per crate; California Tokays that year sold for \$1.15 per crate. Oregon Tokays had to win their way against California Tokays. At that time seven years ago-Portland fruit dealers would not acknowledge that Oregon Tokays had any merit in comparison with California Tokays. The Oregon Tokay has won out and are now regularly quoted as Oregon Tokays in the workers. the market reports of Portland. Last year every crate of Tokays I shipped to Portland sold for \$1.50 to \$1.65 per crate, while California

Tokays on the same dates sold for \$1.35

to \$1.50 per crate.

You will ask, why do Oregon Tokays sell higher in Portland markets than California Tokays? The question is best answered by my observations and talk with a retail fruit dealer on Morrison street in Portland last October. Passing down Morrison street, I noticed Tokays of my own growing together with Caliof my own growing, together with Cali-fornia Tokays, and I stopped to look at Oregon Tokays, 116 Cents per pound, and the California Tokays, 10 cents per pound. I asked the dealer why there was such a difference in the price of Oregon Tokays and California Tokays. "Why," he said, "you see the Oregon Tokays are highly colored. They look as fresh as if just picked from the vine. They will retain their fresh look for the next ten days and not one of them will decay, while the California Tokays are pale in color and are soft and beginning to decay. I have got to get them off my hands at once or else lose the purchase price. Yes, sir, we did not used to think so, but now we know Oregon can raise a better Tokay than California? fornia?

asked Mr. Pearson, senior member of the Pearson-Page Company, of Portland, last fall, how many crates of Tokays they could handle for me during a season of two months in the Portland market and keep prices up. His reply was, "We can handle two carloads a week, and will have no trouble to get you top prices." These are the conditions and demands of our local markets. tions and demands of our local markets.

Is have taken some pains in this paper to point out to you that the market demands will be for our choice table grapes if we will grow them, and to allay the fears of the timid who may desire to plant the grape, yet hesitate on account of the specter of overproduction, which is ever coming up in their minds to scare them and strangle any personal endeavor they may think of engaging in. Jackson and Josephine Counties have thousands of acres of choice hillside lands that today are as primitive as they were in the days of the first settlement of Oregon by the white race, that are adapted to growing the grape. As they adapted to growing the grape. As they are, they are non-productive. They are cheap and can be made into homes by planting the grape that will care for



many families and will be a source of wealth to the owner, as well as the state. If this paper induces any one to take up grape growing and improve these lands with success, which I know will follow, if the hints and suggestions I have given are remembered, I shall feel amply repaid for the time spent in its preparation.



CHERRIES GROWN NEAR LEWISTON, IDAHO



ROME BEAUTY APPLES AND GRAPES GROWN IN THE LEWISTON-CLARKSTON VALLEY

cat and grapes of their variety is limited to a very small portion of the United States. In Oregon these varieties can only be grown in the Rogue River Valley and about The Dalles in Wasco County. The Willamette Valley cannot mature them. A limited portion of Idaho along the Snake River can grow them, and the State of California, a por-



VITICULTURE IN THE VALLEY OF THE WILLAMETTE

BY WALTER HOGE IN THE PORTLAND OREGONIAN

THE pioneers of Western Oregon found here few of the wild fruits so common along the eastern border of the continent and that extend even to the great central dividing line of the Rocky Mountains. Especially did they miss the purple clustered vine whose rich



SOME YAKIMA VALLEY, WASHINGTON, GRAPES

and fragrant fruit was eagerly sought through autumn woods by bird and beast and man. But if they found it not wild, they soon began the introduction of cultivated varieties, and were not long in discovering that these would flourish here with rare luxuriance. Some varieties were found better adapted than others to the climatic conditions prevail-

ing here; some locations, owing to soil or slope of land, seemed more suitable than others to the vine, and out of years of intelligent experiment, tireless labor and loving cultivation has grown one of the important horticultural interests of the state. How important it has become is shown by the re-

is shown by the reports to the State Horticultural Board which place the crop of 1907 at 3,945,000 pounds, valued at \$124,500.

Vine growing is not confined to any particular part of the state. It is the

Vine growing is not confined to any particular part of the state. It is the man behind the business, rather than the location, that insures success in this industry, as is abundantly demonstrated by the flourishing vineyards at Jacksonville, Grants Pass, Forest Grove, Milwaukie and The Dalles, as well as at scores of other widely scattered places throughout the state. Conditions at the various vineyards are largely the same, the vari-

ations resulting more from the markets to be served and the varieties of grapes best suited to them, than from any other cause. For that reason the vineyards of Forest Grove may be taken as typical of all others throughout the state, and of them I write especially.

For more than twenty years grape growing for market has been in prog-ress near Forest Grove, and experience has taught growers many practical lessons. One of these is that hill lands are better for grapes than valley lands, not because the soil is richer, but because it is better adapted to the vine. Then it is found that a southern slope is better than any other. The spring sun warms it early and autumn rays linger there long and lovingly, ripening and mellowing the juices of the fruit, giving a sweetness and delicacy of flavor un-equaled in fruits grown in less favored locations. For that reason, David's Hill, a southwestern extension of the Coast Range that juts out into the valley just north of Forest Grove, has long been a favorite site for grape growers, and year by year new vineyards are added, until now it is probable that no other equal area in the state is so largely devoted to culture of the vine. The hill rises with irregular surface to a height of about 1000 feet above the valley, and it is found that the upper reaches of these slopes produce the best grapes. It is noticed that often clouds and fog are thick over the valley while these uplands will be radiant with spring or autumn sun, and early and later frosts



LOOKING OVER VINELAND AND CLARKSTON ORCHARDS FROM CLARKSTON HEIGHTS, IDAHO

are much less liable to damage bloom or ripened fruit than at the lower levels.

The pioneer of the business on this hill was F. W. David, who began to plant the vine there commercially about thirty years ago, but he has had many followers and now much of the two-mile stretch of southern slope is dotted with vineyards. Other fruits are not neglected and flourish there, but the grape is the distinctive crop. A. Reuter, who has been in the business for twenty-one years, J. A. Peterson, nineteen years, and A. Anderson, F. Blied, R. Holischer, William Koppel and others for less times, now have large and profitable vineyards.

A vineyard once brought into bearing goes on for many years with seldom a



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GRAPES ON THE VINE IN MR. CARSON'S VINEYARD

failure of crop. The amount of yield varies somewhat with the different varieties of grapes, some being heavier bearers than others, but growers on David's Ilill estimate their crop at from five to six tons per acre on the average. There is always a hungry market for them at Portland, Seattle, Tacoma, Spotane and other Western trade centers, at prices generally quite remunerative, the net returns for the last crop being estimated at two and one-half to three cents per pound. Oregon

elimatic conditions. In Europe they have found the best way to fight phylloxera is to flood the vineyard for a time while the vines are dormant. In Oregon the winter rains seem to furnish the needed flooding to drown the insects which prey upon the roots, thus protecting the vine from them.

Most of the varieties of the vine grown elsewhere in this country and Europe have been tested in Oregon, and the kinds best suited for cultivation here have been ascertained. Probably the it a very high grade. At the Chicago Exposition an exhibit of grapes from David's Hill was brought into competition with fruit from California, Lake Eric and elsewhere, and received the highest award. At Buffalo wines from the same place received the gold medal for highest excellence. In all markets they rank high as a table grape for their delicate flavor. They are more tender and juicy than the California grapes and are almost universally



DAM OF THE PROSSER FALLS LAND AND POWER COMPANY ACROSS THE YAKIMA (WASHINGTON) RIVER, WHICH FURNISHES IRRIGATION FOR A LARGE SECTION, IRRIGATING GRAPES AND OTHER FRUITS

vines are remarkably free from all diseases and pests, especially those that have wrought such havoe among the vineyards of Europe and California. County Fruit Inspector Harris, who has seen much of the ravages of the dreaded phylloxera in other places, says he has found none of it here, and he attributes our freedom from it in large part to

Concord leads all others for general purposes, but the Niagara, Moore's Early, Worden, Delaware, Red Mountain, Sweetwater and Black Hamburg are all popular and largely planted. The last two are especially chosen as wine grapes, though very few are grown for that purpose about here. One vineyardist who has given considerable attention

to that industry made
one hundred
and ten barrels of wine
this fall from
six acres of
grapes, mostly Swectwaters. He
finds that it
takes about
six hundred
pounds of grapes
to make a barrel
of wine.

Now as to the quality of this fruit that Oregon can produce in such abundance. Connoisseurs give

preferred when brought into competition with the product of the Southern vine-yards.

NEWPORT, Washington, will have a 640-acre fruit farm five miles from it as soon as it can be cleared and planted. The section will be irrigated from Marshall Lake near there.



PRODUCING A CROP OF MELONS AT VINELAND, IDAHO, WHILE THE ORCHARD IS GROWING



LEWISTON GRAPES READY FOR THE TABLE

GROWING OF THE GRAPE IN THE INLAND EMPIRE

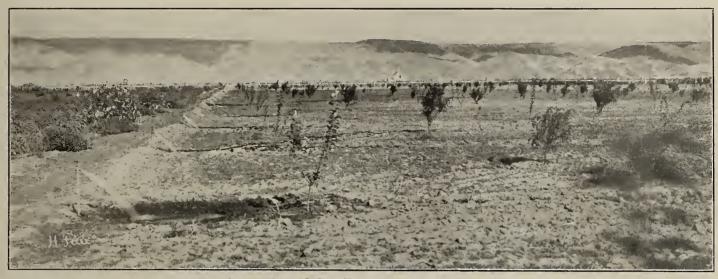
BY R. SCHLEICHER, OF LEWISTON, IDAHO, A SUCCESSFUL GROWER

HAT grape growing in the valleys of the Columbia and its tributaries has not received the attention it deserves, considering its great possibilities, is beginning to be generally recognized, and in numerous localities fruit growers are beginning to consider it the most promising branch of horticulture. There are now thousands of acres, and

pany and the Lewiston Sweetwater Irrigation Company we find tables taken from the reports of the chief signal officer at Washington, comparing temperature, precipitation, relative humidity, hours of sunshine, etc., at Lewiston, Idaho, with the best grape-growing centers of California, and in every instance the comparison shows the former point

by exposure, air drainage and other local conditions.

It is not necessary, however, to prove the adaptability of this climate to viticulture by showing compliance with theoretical requirements, as grapes have been grown successfully at The Dalles, Oregon, Walla Walla, Washington, and Lewiston, Idaho, and at intermediate



A UNIQUE WAY OF IRRIGATING IN THE LEWISTON, IDAHO, FRUIT COUNTRY
Showing method by which water is distributed to five-acre tracts in Lewiston orchards under the system of the Lewiston Sweetser Irrigation Company.

Delivered under fire pressure the water is available both for irrigation and domestic uses

upon the completion of the different irrigation projects under construction in the Inland Empire there will be tens of thousands of acres of land which for the production of the tender varieties of grapes (vinis vinifera) have no superior either in California or Europe.

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The cultivation of the grape, being of greater commercial importance in those parts of the world where it can be successfully grown than that of all other fruits combined, has been the subject of careful study and research for several hundred years, and scientists have deter-

to possess in a greater degree the very conditions required for successful grape growing.

These observations taken at Lewiston, six hundred and eighty feet above sea level, on the Snake River, will probably fairly represent the average climatic conditions of points in the Columbia River Basin east of the Cascades, the altitude of which is from four hundred to fifteen hundred feet, with such difference in earliness of ripening, freedom from and liability to frosts, etc., as may be caused

points for nearly forty years, and at many other, points for several seasons past. Nor have the plantings of late been confined to the varieties that thrive in the colder parts of Central Europe, but we have excelled with the varieties originated in Spain, Italy, Northern Africa and Asia, varieties the growing of which on the American continent was considered possible in California only.

As grapes grown at Lewiston shared honors with and were awarded as high prizes as those from California at the expositions of Omaha, Buffalo and St. Louis, and a display made by a grower at the Portland Fair in 1905 in competion with California brought forth a letter from Professor H. E. Van Deman, ex-pomologist of the Department of Agriculture and president of the horticultural jury at the Lewis and Clark Exposition, who wrote: "No doubt you have received the notice of what I awarded you, and I wish you could have had more than one gold medal, for you deserved it. You made the best grape display at the exposition. I was much pleased with the crispness and good flavor of some of the grapes you sent," etc., etc.

Colonel Brackett, pomologist of the Department of Agriculture, who some years ago traveled three hundred miles out of his way to assure himself that grapes which were exhibited as Idaho grapes were really grown in the Lewiston Valley, stated that after an exhaustive inspection of California vineyards a few weeks previous to his visit, he had seen nothing there to excel, and little to equal, what he saw here.

equal, what he saw here.

Mr. H. S. Emerson, a wholesale fruit and produce dealer in Seattle, who has been handling California grapes for years, reporting upon a shipment of grapes received from here last October,



says: "You have California decidedly beaten for quality," etc., etc.

With all this evidence as to the quality With all this evidence as to the quarry of the grape product in the Inland Empire, and the enormous yield, being from four to six tons of choice table grapes per acre year after year, the absolute freedom from insect pests so far, the ever expanding markets and the fast increasing shipping facilities, there should be no hesitancy on the part of owners of land to plant vineyards on a large scale.

These plantings should be of those varieties which, besides being large and

section than any other variety. The supply has never been enough to supply even the home demand.

There are many other varieties which deserve of more extensive planting. Notable among these is the Hunisa, a variety the cuttings of which were sent to the Department of Agriculture by a missionary in Syria in 1902, where it is reputed to be the best keeper of any grape known, being usually kept in good condition until March at its native home. This reputation is likely to be sustained in this climate, judging from a few years' observation. It is the opinion of were produced near the northern limit of possible grape culture and mostly on the slopes overlooking large rivers. conditions are met in an ideal way in the Lewiston-Clarkston Valley.

Wines produced here were given high awards at Buffalo, St. Louis and Portland Expositions, and no less an authority than the late Professor George Hussman, of Napa, California, for forty years the leading writer in the United States on grape growing and wine making, and father of George C. Hussman, the present pomologist in charge of viticultural investigations of the United States



POTATOES BETWEEN THE TREES AT EAST GREENACRES, SPOKANE VALLEY, WASHINGTON

showy, have good keeping qualities and snowy, have good keeping quanties and are hard enough of texture to stand shipment to distant points, and which experience has shown to succeed well, and for which there is a demand in the Eastern as well as the home markets. The principal ones are the Tokay, Malaga, Muscat, Cornichon and Emperor. These are all well known varieties, good shippers, and are called for by the shippers, and are called for by the consumer. Another variety, a late importation from Eastern Europe, the Rammonia of Transylvania, has proven itself a great success. It is a dark blue grape of immense size, not quite as good a shipper as the Tokay or Malaga, but outsells all others wherever marketed. This variety, owing to its attractive appearance, has called more attention to the grape growing possibilities of this

the writer that after this variety becomes known it will be planted very extensively and will take the place of the grapes that are shipped from Spain in cork dust for winter consumption. It is higher in quality and a better keeper, and both the Department of Agriculture and the University of California, which have had samples submitted to them, express great hopes for its future. Vines of this variety will not be placed on sale until its value is absolutely established.

The experiments in winemaking, conducted here for some years, have resulted in notable success; the dry wines of the Sauterne and Rhenish types having been pronounced by connoisseurs as coming nearer to the European wines than any grown in California. It has been known for hundreds of years that the best wines Department of Agriculture, writes under date of May 15, 1902, concerning a bottle of Idaho Sauterne sent him for his opinion: "I called in the best judge of wines we have here. We tasted it together and pronounced it a very good with the best wines were in the best wines were in wine, equal to the best wines made in this county (Napa), which we claim makes the best dry wines in the state. It is a good sound wine which ought to sell anywhere among wine drinkers of the right sort; wine which makes glad the heart. At my age (seventy-four) it is highly gratifying to me to find that my efforts since 1850 in the cause of grape culture and the making of pure wine have not been in vain."

As these wines were made from grapes which have more of a reputation for table use than for wine making, and as none of the makers had any previous experience in wine making in other countries, and as the encouraging results so far are due entirely to soil and climate, there is justification for the belief that when wines are made here within the last two years, from grapes used in making the celebrated growths of France and Germany, get age enough to develop their highest quality, there is a possibility of results that might realize the most sanguine hopes.

From an economical standpoint the business of growing table grapes and that of wine making go hand in hand, great investment to equip a plant capable of turning out several thousand cases of grape juice each season.

The development of viticulture in the Inland Empire has, up to the present time, been entirely in the hands of individual growers, and as flattering as results are today they are small to what might be expected if experiments were carried on by men equiped with scientific knowledge, and who would have facilities and leisure not at the command of the commercial vineyardist.

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It is to be deplored that neither Oregon, Washington nor Idaho, in which

storing grapes for winter use, in wine making, and in the manufacture of other by-products.

Until this unfortunate seeming neglect of the most promising branch of horticulture is remedied by one or more of the three states interested, grape growers will do well to continue to look to the University of California for such information and advice as they may require. To the viticulturists of that institution thanks are due, not only for the valuable knowledge published in their bulletins, but also for the kindly interest they have ever taken in the grape grow-



VIEW SHOWING A CORNER IN THE VINEYARD OF ROBERT SCHLEICHER IN THE LEWISTON-CLARKSTON VALLEY. THE VARIETY OF GRAPE SHOWN IS THE FLAME TOKAY AT PICKING TIME

and every owner of a vineyard of any size should be prepared to take care of at least a small portion of his crop by pressing it into wine; or, if he has conscientious scruples in the matter, manufacturing it into unfermented grape juice, which has lately become an article of almost general consumption. This industry is promising of great returns, as there would be immense profits in supplying the market with an article of supprior quality to that of the juice imported from the Eastern States, at a price considerably lower than the prevailing one. Nor would it require any

three states are large areas of the best grape lands on the continent, have located one of their experiment stations at some point in the arid or semi-arid belt, at an altitude low enough to conduct viticultural experiments.

There is a splendid field for such, and results of the greatest importance, both from a scientific and economic standpoint, would certainly be obtained by methodical experiments in the selection and adaptation of different varieties to different locations, pruning, training, cultivating and irrigating, packing and

ing industry of the Northwest, for which the writer wishes to acknowledge a debt of gratitude. $\diamondsuit \diamondsuit \diamondsuit$

Almost the whole world knows of Hood River as a place that produces the best fruits, and all of Hood River Valley should know, and could know, that there is one place in Hood River, under the firm name of R. B. Bragg & Co., that the people can depend on getting the most reliable dry goods, clothing, shoes and groceries at the most reasonable prices that are possible; try it.

SOUTHERN OREGON A GRAPE GROWING DISTRICT

BY A. H. CARSON, PROPRIETOR OF REDLAND VINEYARD

T THE present the aercage devoted to commercial grape growing in Southern Oregon is not large. The largest vineyard in this part of the state one of forty-five acres-is owned by the writer, and is situated six miles south Grants Pass, in Josephine County. The aggregate acreage now in grapes will not exceed two hundred acres in Josephine and Jackson Counties. From the fact the lands of Southern Oregon that are adapted to the vine are the hillsides and slopes of the foothills, the grape industry has been given no great thought or attention in the development of Southern Oregon's horticultural possibilities. I have realized for a number of years the adaptability of Southern Oregon's large aereage of footbill lands, with ideal climatic conditions for growing the grape, were the people shown how. My own modest success is an object lesson of the fact that commercial grape growing will develop, and these cheap hill lands be improved, and make many valuable homes for the settler who may have the patience and industry to put them in vines and till them.

For the past three years the success I have had on these hill lands in growing such superb European grapes as the Flame Tokay, White Muscat, Malaga and Red Emperor, marketing them in Portland markets in competition with the same varieties grown in California, selling the Oregon-grown grape for more money per crate than California grapes, has attracted the attention of people who have lived here many years. The Flame Tokay reaches perfection on the hillsides of the Rogue River Valley as to color and flavor. When matured, ready to gather, the clusters on an October day look like balls of fire. There is no place on the Pacific Coast where the Tokay eolors as highly as it does on the hillsides of the Rogue River Valley.

Our soil and sunshine develop the acid and grape sugar in combination so perfectly that the Flame Tokay of Southern Oregon has no rival on the Coast in flavor for the table.

All of Southern Oregon's choice grapes are grown without irrigation. They are firm and stand long-distance shipment. The shipping qualities of the Flame Tokay were thoroughly tested last sea-son, when I shipped grapes to nearly all the Eastern and Southern states without They were on the road from eight to ten days, and all crates shipped were reported in good condition on arrival. The fact that non-irrigated grapes stand shipment better than grapes grown by irrigation has awakened the people of Southern Oregon to the great opportunity now open to engage in grape growing on commercial lines and make these foothill lands valuable not only to the individual who improves them, but to the states. The industry in Southern Oregon from now on will expand rapidly. During the next three or four years there will be many thousands of acres of commer-cial vineyards planted. I expect to see this industry grow to such proportions that seven to eight years hence Grants Pass will be the shipping point of hundreds of cars of Flame Tokay grapes.

This winter the acreage that will be planted to Tokays is limited by the number of rooted Tokay vines that can be had of the nurseries on the Coast. Land owners have already filed orders with the nurseries of California and Oregon for rooted Tokay stock until it

is exhausted. Josephine County will plant about 400 acres of Tokays this winter, and Jackson County about 100. Men who have failed to get rooted vines are clearing and preparing land for next winter's planting. There will be 800 acres planted to grapes a year from this winter in the vicinity of Grants Pass. In varieties that will be planted, the Flame Tokay will lead all others, with the Malaga, Emperor and Muscat in the order named, all choice grapes for the table and for the long-distance shippers.

and cheaply to sulphur in powder form. Southern Oregon has soil and climate adapted to growing the vine on hundreds of her hillsides. Natural conditions of the Rogue River Valley for successful viticulture are the best, and the grape grower's success is assured if he plants the grape and attends to the necessary details in their proper season. $\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$

EUGENE, Oregon, which is noted as being the center of a big cherry growing district, is to have a farm near



Grapes and wine exhibited by R. Schleicher at the Lewiston-Clarkston Fair, 1907, which received the first prize. The varieties are Flame Tokay, Museat, Cornichon, Malaga and Emperor. The grapes were grown in Mr. Schleicher's vineyard near Lewiston, Idaho

As a money-making fruit the grape, in my opinion, is among the best. It is an annual producer. There are no off years with the grape. I have grown grapes in Southern Oregon for the past twenty-six years, and during that period have never lost a crop from spring or fall frosts. There is no spraying to do for insect pests and fungous diseases. There is no fungus disease the grape grower has to contend with, excepting powdery mildew, and it yields readily

there of 230 acres devoted to the raising of cherries, walnuts and asparagus. The company to handle it has been incorporated with a capital of \$50,000, and sixty acres have already been planted to cherries, and the same amount to walnuts. Of the former thirty-five acres have been set to Bing and Lamberts and fifteen to Royal Anns. The walnuts are Franquettes and Mayette, and were imported from France for the company by J. B. Pilkington of Portland.

THE PROPAGATION OF THE GRAPE IN CALIFORNIA

BY GEO. C. ROEDING OF THE FANCHER CREEK NURSERIES

T DOES not surprise one, who has traveled through the countries bordering on the Mediterranean Sea, and along the Rhine in Germany, that California should possess within its borders conditions which make it possible to produce wine, raisin and table grapes, which will compare very favorably with the products of Europe. I do not wish to make the broad statement that our products are superior to the imported, for this is a fault which Californians are addicted to, and at

times we are apt to tread on dangerous ground. If we can induce the consumer to concede that the California product is just as good as the imported we have forced an admission which few are ready to make willingly, for no matter how good the home article may be the natural tendency is to give the preference to the foreign goods, regardless of the quality and cleanliness of the domestic article. Young as California is, she certainly excels the Old World in horticultural work, in modern methods,

cleanliness and in neat merchantable packages in which fruit is prepared for shipment.

We are fortunate in having a diversity of climates and soils, making it possible to produce successfully every variety of grape grown in Europe. The coast counties are already famous for their light, dry wines, the great interior valleys for their sweet wines, brandy and of far greater importance to the American people are our table grapes and raisins. We are not a wine drinking people and although our wine industry is developing,

it is not expanding with the rapidity which is to be expected from an article as pure and wholesome as our California wines are admitted by experts to be. A good pure wine is always preferable to whisky, and it would be a blessing for all communities, morally, mentally and otherwise if it was only served at a reasonable figure, so that those who must have spirituous stimulants would give it the preference at all times. I fear if I continue turther along this line I am liable to drift into an argument with those who never indulge, so will devote the time allotted to me to the branches of the industry of greater importance to this particular section. When the first Muscat grapes were planted in

Fresno twenty-five years ago the pioneers were dubious about having an outlet for their product, and this very same fear seems to take possession of every community whenever engaged in a new industry. In all my experience I have never known it to fail, that there were commercial concerns ready and willing to take up the marketing of a product just as soon as it was produced in sufficient quantities warranting them in the construction of a plant. This condition of affairs is aptly illustrated in Fresno. Twenty years ago there were not over two plants devoted to the handling of dried fruits and raisins. How different today; every small town in the great vineyard districts has from two to three packing houses, and in the city of Fresno there are fully twenty plants devoted to the packing and processing of raisins for market. With the development of this industry the seeded raisin became an innovation, and it is largely due to the great demand for this article that such wonderful strides have been made in the raisin business. The importance of getting these raisins into the East-

ern market with the least possible delay has made it necessary to construct estab-

lishments which have a



SOUTHERN OREGON GRAPES ON THE VINE. A PROLIFIC YIELD OF FINE FRUIT

capacity of five to twenty carloads per day. One of these seeding plants is well worthy of a few words of consideration, for many who use the seeded raisins for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners have little or no conception of the several processes which the raisins go through before ready for shipment. When received at the packing house they are first run through a stemmer, a machine which to all outward appearances resembles a small threshing machine. This machine removes all the large stems from the raisins, thoroughly cleans them, and grades them into four sizes. Only the largest and second size raisins termed fancy and choice are seeded. Following the stemming they are next dried by artificial heat for the number of hardening them. They are purpose of hardening them. They are now ready for the cap stemmer, a verti-cal, funnel-shaped cylinder containing a series of close fitting wire meshes, which revolve in such a way that the small stems which fasten the individual berries to the bunch are broken off. The raisins are next steamed until they become quite soft and the pulp is in a syrupy condition. They are now elevated by belts to the seeder, a most ingenious machine. The seeds of the raisins are extracted by being pressed between two revolving rollers, one of which is made of rubber and the other consists of plates with saw toothed edges. A flicker carries the seeds through a spout to the outside of the building, while the raisins pass through another spout to the lower floor of the packing house, where they are taken in them in paper cartons. Thirty-six of these cartons are packed to a case. A by-product plant, erected a few years

by-product plant, erected a few years ago in Fresno, manufactures alcohol and an oil adapted to manufacturing purposes from the seeds.

Raisins put up in this manner are ready for use as soon as received by the housewife, and they have such a bright, fresh and inviting appearance it is not surprising that they have been so much in demand wherever they have been introduced. Some idea of the importance of such plants to a community may be gained from the fact that girls and women earn from \$1.50 to \$3 per day for fully three months during the fall of the year. In Fresno County alone there are at least twenty of these seeding plants in operation, employing fifty to five hundred people during the height of the season.

Another branch of the business which gives congenial work to women is the packing of table grapes for Eastern shipment. As a rule it is far better if the work can be done on the premises of the owner, providing the railroad station is not too far distant from the vineyard. Great care must be exercised in picking the grapes; they should be laid down carefully in the boxes and not thrown in. Before packing they are allowed to stand over night in the boxes. In the morning the stems will be slightly wilted and the grapes will be thoroughly cooled by the night air. The grapes are packed in vencered wooden baskets,

holding about six pounds each, and there are four of these baskets to a crate. The largest and finest bunches are termed "clusters," and these are packed in long baskets, the bunches decorated with ribbons, with two baskets to a crate. The beds of the wagons on which the grapes are hauled should rest on springs. The refrigerator car in which the grapes are to be loaded has been previously iced, and the cool

condition of the grapes is thus maintained from the time they are packed until they reach their destination in the great Eastern cities. The companies engaged in the transportation of the fruit have ice stations at given points enroute, so that the car is kept cool during its long journey across the continent

One point must be borne in mind by the grower above all others, and that is to give the most careful and exacting attention in the picking and selecting Good fruit carefully packed is sure to bring profitable returns and there are always plenty of buyers for goods packed by a grower who maintains his brand up to a high standard, while in a poor article it is very difficult to interest purchasers no matter how low the price may be.

The selection of varieties is a problem which naturally gives the amateur more or less anxiety. Having decided which branch of the industry he wishes to engage in, it is far better to plant vari-



GRAPES GROWN NEAR GREENACRES, IN THE SPOKANE VALLEY, WASHINGTON

of fresh grapes which are to be marketed. Do not forget that the fruit has a twenty-five hundred mile trip ahead of it, and the condition in which it arrives at destination is primarily dependent on the care and close attention to details observed by the grower to begin with. Do not deceive yourself by saying "your work is good enough" when you know it is not, for if this is your guiding principal I would advise you never to engage in grape culture.

etics which have been profitable in tried districts, providing, of course, climatic conditions are similar in the new locality. In California the following wine grapes have given very satisfactory results: Alicante Bouschet, Burger, Black Malvoise, Carignan Grenache, Feher Zagos, Mission, Petit Bouschet, Petit Syrah and Zinfandel. The great Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys produce the finest table grapes, and the following are the sorts which have been most widely

planted. I have named them in the order of their commercial importance: Flame Tokay, Malaga, Thompson Seedless, Emperor, Black Cornichon, Rose of Peru, Black Ferrera, Black Hamburg, Gros Colman. For raisins, Muscat, Thompson Seedless and Sultana have been generally planted. The Muscat and Thompson Seedless can also be used for wine purposes. The Muscat has been more widely planted for raisins than any other variety. There are two distinct types described in most cata-

Another reason for this is that it very often happens that the round and oblong berries will be found on the same vine, so that if there is any real distinction it is not apparent as a rule.

Beginners often make the mistake of planting too many varieties, and in this day of commercialism and high wages commanded by help nothing can be more discouraging to the producer than to have a little of everything and not much of anything. Do not plant more than fifty vines of assorted varieties for home

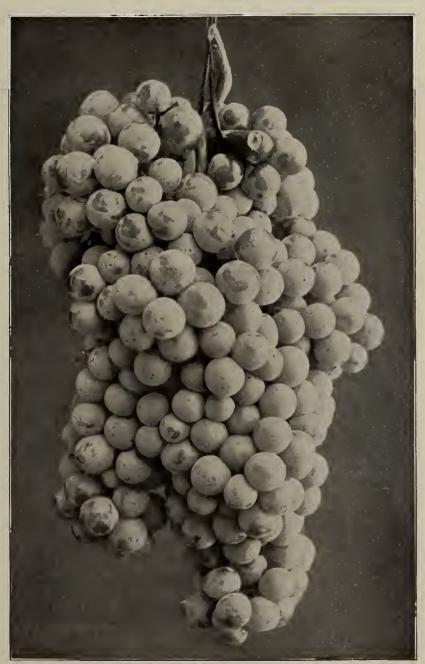
reason that you are too important a factor for him to overlook.

In planting a vineyard make it a point to have the rows in a straight line. Get your base lines at right angles, and the rest is easy. Lay your vineyard out in blocks and use a wire which has pieces of colored cloth or is soldered at the points where the vines are to be placed. This wire should be made suffi-ciently heavy so that it will not stretch too much in drawing it taut across the too much in drawing it taut across the field between the blocks. A wire made with links is preferable, as it does not stretch much, but such wires are expensive, and it is entirely practical to use the woven wire. If care is exercised in laying off the ground the vines will line up in all directions. Before planting the vines should have all lateral roots removed, and those which radiate from the base of the cutting should be from the base of the cutting should be shortened in to about three inches. entire top of the vine should be cut off, with the exception of three inches from the collar, having from three to four eyes. The vines should be staked with two-foot stakes the first year. Cheap stakes will answer for this purpose. By following this plan you obtain a straight stem and form a head on your vines from ten to twelve inches above the ground. All vines should be handled in this manner, regardless of their sub-sequent method of pruning. No fixed rule can be laid down for pruning vines in later years, for what suits one locality might not give satisfactory results ity might not give satisfactory results in another, due to climatic conditions. In former years most vineyards in Fresno County have been planted eight by eight feet. Many planters prefer, however, to plant raisin vineyards either six by twelve or seven by ten, leaving the wide row east and west, so that the trays on which the grapes are placed will receive the full benefit of the sun's rays. Rampant growing table grapes rays. Rampant growing table grapes like Emperor, Black Cornichon and Thompson Seedless are planted either eight by ten or ten by ten. Roads should be left at intervals of about twenty-five vines to permit the hauling out of grapes and distributing of picking boxes in the vineyard.

It is safe to say that grape growing is the most important branch of the fruit growing industry in California today, and that there is still a wide field for exploitation, not only here, but also in the fertile/plains of Eastern Oregon and Washington, where conditions are said to be very similar to our great interior valleys.

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PORTLAND runs more special excursions of her business men out to points of interest throughout her trade territory in the Northwest than any other city in the United States, and special excursions are now being discussed to the Rogue River Valley, Lewiston, Idaho, and Hermiston, Oregon, as well as to other points. The Portland Commercial Club, the Pendleton Commercial Association, and the commercial bodies of Umatilla, Echo, La Grande, Baker City, The Dalles, Hood River, and other points along the line of the O. R. & N. will join in an excursion to Hermiston the latter part of May to celebrate the opening of the head gates of the Umatilla Government irrigation project, upon which the Government is spending \$1,100,000. It is expected that several thousand people will be present to witness the turning of the water upon the arid lands of Umatilla County.



BUNCH OF GOLDEN CHASSELAS GRAPES GROWN IN SOUTHERN OREGON

logues, Muscat Alexandria and Muscat Gordo Blanco. The former is supposed to be a rather oblong grape, while the latter is round. These two varieties have become so thoroughly intermingled. however, that it is exceedingly difficult to distinguish them apart, and in referring to vineyards planted to this grape they are merely known as Muscats.

use, and make your main planting of a few standard sorts, enough of each to have at least a carload for shipment during the season. Today it is the man who has a large quantity of grapes to offer who commands the respect of the man who buys and sells your product, and he feels urged upon to pay you a good price for your fruit for the simple

DOINGS OF FRUIT GROWERS OF THE NORTHWEST

GOOD RIVER, Oregon, apple growers held an interesting horticultural meeting in the month of March. It was well attended and many points of interest in regard to present and future conditions in the fruit growing business brought out. Briefly, some of them were that districts growing cheap and inferior grades of apples would eventually be forced out of business; that there will always be big money in apples, even though the price should drop to \$1 per box, and that the time is fast aproaching when the Apple Growers' Union if it would continue to handle the apple crop here must build cold storage warehouses. It was suggested that one of these should be constructed in the city and the other be centrally located in the orchard district and built in such a way that its capacity could be gradually increased as occasion demanded. Another point of interest was the fact that apple buyers who had made a study of the question showed that it was the intermediate sizes of that fruit which were in most demand by dealers and also that there was the most money in them.

Pullman, Washington, has a resident near it in the person of Rev. T. W. Walters who has three hundred acres of wheat and twelve acres of Spitzenbergs, Northern Spys and Yellow Newtowns. Mr. Walters recently stated that he has been making more money from this small orchard for the last fifteen years than he has from his three hundred acres of wheat.

Twin Falls, Idaho, capitalists have purchased a large tract of land near there and will expend \$100,000 in developing a 2000-acre fruit orchard. The company has been incorporated and has already begun to clear the land preparatory to setting trees.

Spokane, Washington, and its enterprising citizens have conceived the idea of holding a big apple show next December at which the whole world will be invited to exhibit fruit. It is proposed to raise \$100,000 for the affair, and the

large prizes which will be offered will attract exhibitors from far and near. Many prominent men have lent their assistance to the project, and its success is said to be assured.

Clatsop County, Oregon, fruit growers met with Fruit Inspector C. S. Dow at Astoria March 22 and interchanged experiences and observations on how to develop and improve fruit conditions saps, Jonathans, Rome Beauty, Newtown Pippins, Delicious and Grimes Golden. The trees were planted by the Idaho Fruit Land Company at Mountain Home orchard.

North Yakima, Washington, is getting ready for a busy season, and is getting things in shape for the coming fruit crops. E. E. Sampson, manager of the Yakima County Horticultural Union,



WOODBURN NURSERIES MAKING A DELIVERY OF 100,000 TREES

there. Spraying, pruning and fertilization were discussed and it was stated that apples could be grown near Astoria cheaper than in any place in the state, owing to the fact that it is claimed that San Jose scale and the codlin moth do not exist there.

Boise, Idaho, recently received the largest consignment of fruit trees ever brought into that district. In all it consisted of 60,000 trees. The varieties were principally Spitzenbergs, Wine-

recently returned from the big Eastern cities, where he disposed of 14,000 boxes of apples at profitable prices which the union had in storage. Some of the fruit went to Kansas, Nebraska and Mexico, and brought from \$1.50 to \$2 per box.

Cashmere and Wenatchee were claimed on March 22 to have about all the available apple supply in the state of Washington. This is said to have amounted to about fifty cars, which were expected to go at \$3 per box.



BUDDING SCENE IN THE WOODBURN, OREGON, NURSERIES

FRUIT CULTURE IN THE SPOKANE RIVER VALLEY

OR many years the Spokane River Valley and the surrounding valleys have adapted themselves are to grain raising, as in that crop, with our nineteen inches of rainfall, distributed largely in the spring and fall, were better hopes of success than the raising of crops which require moisture during the dry July and August in order to reach maturity. Under this state of affairs a settler must necessarily farm a consider-

entirely undeveloped. It was a semiarid district of questionable value and was deemed an insignificant factor in Spokane's resources, as compared with the glittering possibilities of her mining tributaries or the substantial industries her surrounding timber country was building. The thousands of people employed directly or indirectly in the development of these rich resources had little



PICKERS AT WORK IN A LEWISTON, IDAHO, ORCHARD SET TO BERRIES

able area in order to gain a justifiable return for himself and family, and the returns received seemed to justify valuations of from \$10 to \$35 per acre for their lands, but now and then an unusually dry season would make it impossible to substantiate these values, and as a con-sequence the valley was very thinly settled and a large part of it remained

time for thought as to bettering her

agricultural advantages.

These wheat farmers were, however, destined to be the means of bringing to general notice the possibility of a richer future for their lands. Small orchards, which they planted for their own use, received ordinarily enough rainfall to keep the trees growing nicely, but the

dryness of the fall usually kept the fruit from developing well. But occasionally, when there happened to be rain later than usual, these orchards produced such than usual, these orchards produced such fruit as could not help but bring forth the knowledge that the only element lacking to make this a fruit country among the best was the water. The places where the subirrigation from the surrounding hills supplied more moisture

were seized upon and planted to fruit
and berries. These tracts, although limited in number, produced abundance of fruits, the excellence of which was beyond expectation. The old Spokane Fruit Fairs (now grown into the Interstate Fair) gathered together fruit displays which began to attract much attention.

The thousands of dollars which

were every year being sent away to other irrigated districts in payment for produce to supply the Spokane market, and through it to its tributaries, also called attention to the wonderful saving and profit which could be brought about by the transformation of the semi-arid wheat country into intensified fruit producing. Capital began to "sit

country into intensified fruit producing. Capital began to "sit up and take notice" of this here-tofore neglected opportunity. The Spokane Valley Land and Water Company was formed, secured water rights of Liberty Lake, Fish Lake, Sucker Lake, Hayden Lake and the Spokane River. In 1902 the company began operations by the development of the smaller and least expensive of these supplies Liberty Lake, its intention being to develop

this and perhaps some of the other smaller supplies until such time as it had thoroughly demonstrated the success of the lands watered, the best methods irrigation, the proper form of water delivery, the quantity needed, and such other important points, when it was proposed to begin the construction of the immense river canal, which was to supply the best and largest part of the vallev.

There is developed at the present time by irrigation approximately 14,000 acres of the valley lands, consisting of the following districts: Greenacres, 640 acres, began 1902; East Greenacres. 4500 acres, began 1904; Otis Orch-ards, 2000 acres, began 1904; Op-portunity, 3000 acres, began 1905; Hayden Lake, 3000 acres, began 1906; East Farms, 1000 acres, water to be delivered 1908, canal now built.



WATERMELON FIELD NEAR GREENACRES, WASHINGTON

The larger part of this area is being set out to fruit, consisting mostly of winter apples, cherries and peaches. A few of the earlier orchards are now coming into bearing and fulfill the greatest expectations as to size, flavor and color of fruit. Many mistakes have been made in setting out these orchards, but a large number of the tracts have been set out by experienced orchardists and will in time develop into excellent commercial orchards.

The orchards of S. S. Strahorn and Charles Holland at Greenacres and the forty-acre orchard of C. F. Fullerton at Otis Orchards are attracting a great deal of attention, and the manner of handling is being copied by many newcomers. It is in these orchards that the future richness of the valley lays, although the crop which is being raised between the trees while the orchard is growing into fruit age is worthy of consideration. The nearness to Spokane's markets solves the question which daunts so many would-be fruit raisers: "How to make a living while the trees are developing."

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The water supplies for these districts are Liberty Lake, six miles of canal, East Greenacres, Fish Lake with fourteen miles of canal, Otis Orchards, Newman Lake canal, Opportunity and Hayden Lake are supplied by pumping plants. East Farms is to be supplied by the canal which is now being built from the Spokane River at Post Falls. This latter is by far the largest enterprise in the valley, as it has a sufficient water supply and the canal is constructed so as to supply 20,000 acres of land. East Farms is the name of the first tract which the canal will water, and the canal is now constructed to that point. The Spokane Valley Land and Water Company owns this proposition, and Mr. D. C. Corbin, the Spo-

C. Corbin, the Spokane financier, is at the head of the

company. The development of the water sys-tems of Greenacres and East Green-acres has brought out the fact that for the best results from water delivery the canals should be so constructed as to give a big head of water to each settler at the time of irrigating. The soil is of a very porous nature and can therefore be very quickly flushed by means of rills laid out with a fall of from seven to twelve feet to the mile. ten-acre tract with a proper head of water can be thoroughly watered in two days' time, and four or five irrigations during the sea tions during the season are all that are necessary, and each irrigation should equal from two to three inches of rain-fall. It has been safely demonstrated that the same or double the amount of water should not do as good work if delivered in a small



GRAPES GROWING IN A VINEYARD NEAR LEWISTON, IDAHO

stream, which will not enable the flushing of the land quickly. The development of the big river canal means that practically all of the lands near the city of Spokane adaptable for irrigation will be irrigated. The farmers' institute held at Greenacres brought

out the fact that the valley lands irrigated are especially adapted to the raising of the following crops: Apples, cherries, peaches, dewberries, strawberries, tomatoes, potatoes, melons, sweet corn, onions, cabbage, and many other fruits and vegetables which the raising



THREE-YEAR-OLD PEACH TREE AT GREENACRES, WASHINGTON



REMARKABLE YIELD OF PEACHES NEAR LEWISTON, IDAHO

of, near a big market, makes most profitable. Mr. Charles Taylor, of Greenacres, Washington, states that his land has yielded an average of twenty tons of tomatoes per acre, and Mr. Justin Clark of the same place stated that he had sold

\$670 worth of dewberries from threefourths of an acre during the second year after planting. Many excellent yields of apples have been reported from four-year-old trees, and the old orchard of Mr. J. W. Hatch at Greenacres has pro-

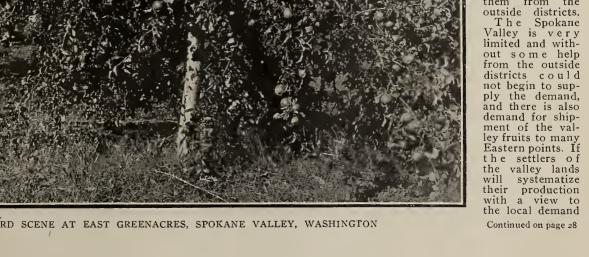
duced immense amounts of apples and pears during the five years it has been reclaimed since irrigating. Mr. C. Zim-merman makes the statement that he has averaged 225 sacks of fine Burbank potatoes to the acre, between his trees, and Mr. A. M. Richardson, also of East Greenacres, claims 250 sacks to the acre as his yield. Double crops of early potatoes and beets have been reported as a very profitable means of getting large returns from the ground.

With such yields as these, and many more which would take too much room to enumerate, it can readily be seen what a vast production will result from the valley when it is settled from the city limits to the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene. That even this entire amount will not meet the requirements of the city's needs is apparent to all who study

into the matter.

Spokane is the trading point for the spokane is the trading point for the wonderfully rich mining, timber and wheat-raising country surrounding, and the majority of her 100,000 people are engaged directly or indirectly in the commercial affairs caused by developing these resources. Being surrounded on all sides by mountainous country and are likely wheat land country the available. and sides by mountainous country and rolling wheat land country, the available lands for the supplying of produce are limited to the Spokane Valley, and as this has only just started in its development, Spokane and its tributaries are being supplied by the output of irrigated countries many of which are at a considerable distance. This means the sending away every year of vast amounts of money which these other resources have produced, into districts which are in no way dependent upon Spokane as a business center. Fruits shipped into Spokane from several hundred miles away must bring a big price

in order to cover the cost of shipping, spoilage and handling, and when this same produce has to be shipped again some hundred or so miles into the so miles into the surrounding timber or mining country it is not in the best of condition. So though the Spokane markets are apparently well supplied the Spokane Valley farmers can put the same articles into the market for what it has cost to handle them from the



ORCHARD SCENE AT EAST GREENACRES, SPOKANE VALLEY, WASHINGTON

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A DESCRIPTION OF THE FAMOUS LEWISTON-CLARKSTON DISTRICT

TOWHERE in the Inland Empire, which has been prolific in surprises, has there been more wonderful development than in the Lewiston-Clarkston Irrigation is rapidly making of that valley one of the wonder spots of the American continent. Climatically it is a marvel. Although it lies north of the parallel of latitude which intersects Montreal, it has a climate which intersects Montreal, it has a climate which for mildness approximates that of Southern Califorma and the older lands around the Mediterranean.

As one looks across Snake River from Clarkston at the wonderful heights leading up to the lofty plateau of the Palouse country, one notes the striking resemblance of these breaks of the Snake to the rugged heights of Catalina Island, off the coast of Southern California.

A better proof of the resemblance of the Lewiston-Clarkston country to the climatic conditions of the South was presented in the impressive exhibits of Southern grapes-Muscats. Flame Tokays, and all the other varieties which have made California famous as a grape and

ing region. Robert Schleicher, the pioneer at Lewiston in this delightful THE WAY FLAME TOKAY GRAPES GROW IN LEWISTON-CLARKSTON VALLEY, IDAHO

industry. whose grapes and wines have enjoyed a Northwestern reputation for many years, and whose vineyard has excited the interest and admiration of officials of the United States Agricultural Department, is trying to induce others to plant large vineyards. "Our greatest need," said Mr. Schleicher, "is larger production, so that we can ship our grapes in carload lots to Montana

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and Eastern markets. I must now ship in less than carload lots at a greatly higher freight rate, and thus have to compete with the California producers who are sending out their products in carload lots.'

In the exhibit hall of the Lewiston-Clarkston Interstate Fair grapes were on display literally by the ton. All day long these fine products were distributed free with a avish hand to all who came for them. The exhibits of apples, peaches, pears, plums, apricots, nectarines and other fruits were, in the judgment of many who have seen the horticultural displays at world's fairs, superior in some respects to anything ever before assembled in

Immediately around these two towns there are now under intensive cultivation several thousand acres of as fertile irrigated lands as may be found upon the globe. The growth of Clarkston, lying across the Snake River from Lewiston, in Asotin County, Washington, is one of : marvels of irrigation enterprise. Ten years ago the Clarkston flat was a dreary waste of desert, with hardly a house upon it. Today 3000 people have under high cultivation 2000 acres of orchard, vineyard and garden. They have all the delights of country life, with many of the advantages of city improvements—water under presture, electric lights, sidewalks, graded streets, daily mail delivery, fine schools and churches, and homes of architectural beauty. The Lewiston business district lies at an elecation of about 700 feet above sea level. Imme-



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A GLIMPSE OF THE LEWISTON-CLARKSTON VALLEY

diately back of the business district is in every alley; connection is made unbroken continuity, with here and lies the newer residence section on a bench rising sharply from the business district at an elevation of from 800 to 1000 feet above the sea. This bench in turn rises to a height above sea of about 1400 feet to a noble plateau extending many miles away to the Craig Mountains. Upon this plateau there is being placed under irrigation 4000 acres, upon the same modern and scientific irrigation plan as Clarkston Heights. The lands are platted like city lots in five-acre tracts; every tract fronts upon a broad street and has a sixteen-foot alley in the rear. The water is disthese great tracts. A ten-inch main orchards roll away in almost Attempts to found a town farther up

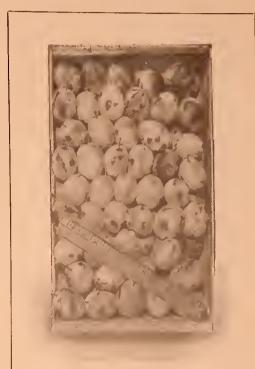
owner wishes to irrigate he has only late and hopeless waste. to walk the length of his five acre to walk the length of his five act. The valley has a stirring history. tract, turning on these taps one by When in 1861 the gold hunters, whose

with the company's mains just as the there a clump of Lombardy poplars lot owner in Spokane, for example, to impart dignity to the delightful connects with the city water system. Scene. All this transformation has Some of the tract owners have laid been wrought in a valley which, from service pipe the full length of their the days of the advent of Lewis and tracts, with a hydrant tap between Clark in 1811 down almost to the each two rows of trees. When the present day, was regarded as a deso-

one, and allow the water to flow in imagination had been inflamed by the small surface ditches between the marvelous placer discoveries of Pierce rows of trees. City, Orofino, Warrens and other The view from the elevated platest historic camps, poured into the counat any point back of Clarkston or try by thousands, a brisk but largely Lewiston is worth a transcontinental tented town sprang up like a mushjourney. For miles and miles in room on the site of the present city

the Clearwater and nearer the placer deposits had failed. After the adventurous gold miners had exhausted in large measure the wealth of the placers, they scattered again to the four winds and Lewiston dwindled to insignificant proportions. Even so late as a decade ago it had fewer than 1000 population. With its sister city — Clarkston — it now numbers from 10,000 to 12,000. The people of these twin cities have a deep and abiding faith in their destiny, based

and head men of these Indians. From that date down to 1877 it was the boast of the Nez Perces that the treaty of peace negotiated in that council had never been broken — that the Nez Perces had always



only in part on the wonderful productiveness of their irrigated lands. For back of them lie the more elevated

and exceedingly productive wheat lands of the Camas Prairie country, the grain and orchard lands of the Sal-

mon River Valley, a vast region known to be rich in mineral wealth, and great forests of the finest pine and

tamarack. They are keenly concerned with the opening of the Snake and Columbia Rivers to the sea, believing

that with water transportation and the building of railroads their growth will be rapid and continuous.

The visit of the Spokane delegation to the Lewiston-Clarkston Interstate Fair was of keenest interest and

pleasure. The dominating aspect there was the evident prosperity of the people, the well dressed crowds and their apparent enjoyment and happiness. It warms the

heart to mingle with a crowd of this character, containing

as it does all of the finer types of Western American

citizenship-men and women of vigor and courage from

the orchards, the grain fields, the mining camps, the lumber regions. The picturesqueness of the occasion

was further heightened by the presence of many Nez

Perce Indians. This tribe is one of the finest with which

the American people have been brought in contact.

Almost upon

the very site

of the present city of Lewiston, Lewis and Clark, in

1811, held a great council

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BOX OF YELLOW EGG PLUMS GROWN IN LEWISTON-CLARKSTON VALLEY NOTE SIZE OF PLUMS BY FOOT RULE

terrible Nez Perce up rising, but since that year the Nez Perces have been at peace with their white neighbors. Physically they are a solid, well-built race. Many of them are of noble demeanor, with great heads and solid jaws set firmly on massive necks and shoulders. As a tribe they are exceedingly prosperous, and spend their money freely for the good things of civilization. Situated in a deep. broad valley at the junction of important rivers, on the only water-grade route from the Rocky Mountains to the Pacific Ocean through the vast, irregular, inter-mountain plateau, at the only broadening of the canyons for hundreds of miles, Lewiston-Clarkston is the logical "Key to the Pacific Northwest," the gateway to the ocean from the mountainous plateaus of the interior. It is the necessary distributing center for 25,000 square miles of tributary territory; a rich new wheat. barley and oats country that now yields 10,000,000 bushels and will soon yield 25,000,000 bushels per year; a dozen different, thrifty yet still new, gold, copper and mining camps of great promise; a lumbering region as rich as Michigan's richest in that industry; fat stock ranges, fertile lands of vast extent, and rich irrigated valleys of the immediate neighborhood. It shall have an all-the-year open water route to the ocean, and already has rail and water routes radiating in five directions. It shall be the seat of manufacturing of wheat and other cereals, lumber, furniture, etc., woolen goods, paper and paper goods, meat products and leather articles. Why not, with water-electric power, cheap coal, raw materials, cheap transportation, abundant markets



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AS WILL be seen our May number is largely devoted to grapes, which are becoming a very important branch of the fruit growing industry in the Northwest. In devoting so much space to grape culture we have endeavored to get articles and illustrations that are representative of all the districts where they have attained the position of being a commercial factor. The articles are from practical growers, and treat on the various subjects of propagating the grape successfully according to conditions in the district where the writer lives. With pardonable patriotism each of the writers thinks his district is a little better adapted to this branch of horticulture than any other and grows the finest fruit. As to this we must leave the matter to the judgment of the reader. The fact remains, however, that they are all growing the finest kind of grapes, getting good prices for them, and whether from Oregon, Idaho, Washington or California. The variety that seems to have been the greatest money maker, acording to a consenus of opinion among the writers, is the Flame Tokay and many arguments are brought to bear to show that there is an unlimited market for them. It would seem that in the very near future grapes will occupy a position in the fruit industry in the Northwest second to none, and that vast sections will be devoted to their culture. ♦ ♦ ♦

R EPORTS so far point to a most successful season for the fruit grower. From all districts comes word that trees have wintered better than in many years, and that frosts and other drawbacks have so far not materialized. Trees have been set in larger quantities, more interest is being shown in preparing for a cleaner crop, and a movement being made everywhere for better general conditions.

MRS. MARION McRAE in the Portland Board of Trade Journal again wields her facile pen in portraying the wonders of Hood River as a fruit growing district, and it must be said with a good deal of success. Mrs. McRae knows her Hood River from A to Z, and is nothing if not enthusiastic as to its opportunities and advantages.

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IN MANY respects there is no more enterprising class of fruit growers to be found anywhere than the residents of the Lewiston-Clarkston country. Going at it in a systematic and practical way

they are developing and improving this fertile district in a way that attracts investors and create a most favorable impression on all who visit there. Judicious advertising is not the least of the success in helping this favored spot. Another feature that is giving it much prominence is the fact that the acreage is sold only under certain restrictions that include a certain percentage of improvements yearly, and also obliges the purchaser to conform to regulations that make all the tracts uniform, such as fencing. Provided with fine irrigation systems, some of which serve also for fire protection and domestic purposes and other conveniences, this section will eventually possess all the blessings of the urban combined with the attractions of the suburban life.

WHILE the Spokane Valley is a section that we may not have heard quite so much of as a fruit growing district as some others, illustrations and articles printed on other pages of this number will show that it has with other parts of the Northwest that same fertility of soil and natural climatic conditions that go to make it a most desirable place for the fruit grower to locate. The preference of the individual in the matter of climate is as variable as it is on any other of the questions affecting

life. While some prefer a moist and slightly warmer average temperature, others like a dry and somewhat cooler one. To the latter this section ought to particularly appeal with its bright sunshiny days during most of the year, adequate water for irrigation and its productive soil. Fruits and vegetables of all varieties that can be grown in the temperate zone are raised there, and increased transportation facilities are pointing the way to a prosperous and big development of this region.

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A Manly Religion

It must be frankly confessed that certain types of religious thought and practice do not attract or appeal to the manly mind. Wherever it demands any kind of slavish submission as a requisite condition, or where it demands only the passive, it cannot possibly enlist the devotion of the real man. But that conception of religion that demands the sturdier qualities of the soul, and insists upon forceful action, must necessarily appeal. A religion demanding strength must appeal to the strong. A religion demanding courage must appeal to the brave. A religion demanding as its chief principle that men should be manly, strong, free, will always appeal to true men.

FRUIT MATTER NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE

Spokane, Washington, and the Lewiston-Clarkston country with its characteristic enterprise conceived the idea of having a train on which were prominent railroad men and the staff of the Washington State Agricultural College make a tour of the fruit growing districts in that section for educational purposes. train started from Spokane on March 27, and everywhere it stopped drew immense crowds. The railroad men and horticulturists who made the tour were highly pleased with their reception and the great interest evinced by fruit growers is expected to result in stimulating the fruit growing industry there and likewise in more effective work in orchards.

Salem, Oregon, recently entertained a meeting of the Marion County Horticultural Society, which discussed several problems affecting that county. Among other things it was declared that prunes should be inspected and that growers ought to co-operate in the idea in order to get the best results. Cover crops came in for a good share of consideration, with the result that it was thought best to plant vetch or some other crop that could be plowed under to maintain the humus in the soil. A box of French prunes which were placed on exhibition were declared to be no better than the fine grades of the Oregon article, although commanding a much higher price.

The Deschutes Valley, Oregon, much of which is being improved by the Deschutes Irrigation and Power Company, is making preparations to extend its orchard interests this year. It has been found that apples and other fruits do exceedingly well in the Deschutes Valley. Small fruit growers have been very successful there and English walnuts and soft shell almonds have also been found to do well.

Okanogan, Washington, as a fruit growing district had its past, present and future ably presented there recently by W. E. Kirkpatrick. The occasion was a meeting of the Okanogan Horticultural Society, and Mr. Kirkpatrick showed during his address how rapidly this district has come to the front. Out of twenty-three entries made by the Okanogan country at the Spokane fair last year it received nineteen prizes, a higher percentage than that of any other county that exhibited. Its display of peaches was notably fine and captured the blue ribbon.

Wenatchee, Washington, is increasing its acreage, 12,000 more fruit trees being recently planted there by the Columbia River Fruit Company. They consisted chiefly of apricot, peach and apple trees. This section is also considering the proposition to increase its canning facilities for the coming season. Land at Wenatchee is still going at a high figure. Harry Shotwell, a well known orchardist there, recently sold twenty acres of his fine fruit ranch for \$20,000 to a purchaser from North Dakota.

The Willamette Valley, Oregon, has been fortunate in a number of meetings this spring addressed by M. O. Lownsdale, the well known orchardist, of Lafayette, who is advocating a general clean up and pruning of orchards, which is being heeded. By growing good fruit himself, Mr. Lownsdale's advice carries weight, and his voice and pen are doing much to bring the fine orchards that once existed in this fertile valley to their condition.

The Dalles, Oregon, report more tree planting this spring than in any former year, one grower alone setting out 11,000 peach and cherry trees. Others are setting out from 500 to 1000 trees apiece, and clearing is going on there on wholesale scales.

At Moscow, Idaho, a fruit growers' union has been incorporated under the name of the Latah County Fruit Growers' Union, with the object of improving growing and shipping conditions in that section.

FIFTH EDITION OF WASHINGTON SPRAY CALENDAR

JANUARY 1, 1908

WRITE FOR INFORMATION TO THE WASHINGTON AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION, PULLMAN, WASHINGTON

Insect or Disease Pla	nt Attacked What	to Spray With	First Spraying	Notes
r Codlin Moth Apple,	pear Arsenat	e of lead Whil	e the last blossoms are ling. Spray with force ectly into every flower.	
	all deciduous	Use	e a Bordeaux nozzle he spring before the buds	Repeat one week later in the same way. If necessary a third four weeks after the first worms appear under bands. A fourth three to four weeks later
	mainly Sulphur	-lime wash When	n the leaves are off the	After the eggs under the scales hatch (May 15 to June 15), spraying with keronsene emulsion, 1 par to 10 parts water, or whale oil soap, 1 lb. to 5 gal
4 Peach Worm or Twig Borer Peach, apple	sometimes plum, and cherry Sulphur	-lime wash Just	as the buds swell in spring	lons water, is effective Arsenate of lead may be used in summer before
5 Bud Moth All orci	hard treesSulphur	-lime wash Just	as buds are swelling	worms appear Or arsenate of lead just as the buds open in spring Repeat in one week
6 Green Aphis Apple,		tre	the leaves are off the	Kerosene emulsion is effective when the insect appear, Repeat if necessary before the leaves curl
7 Black Aphis Cherry,	wnaie	on soap Deroi	re the insects curl the	Cutting off twigs sourced with aggs in winter would
8 Woolly Aphis Apple	part	e emulsion, 1 0 12 parts water When	n the insects appear	For the root form, when present, treat with finely ground tobacco placed in soil around base of tree use 2 to 5 lbs. to a tree
9 Aphis Hop, ro etc	Whale	oil and quassia When	n the insects appear	Repeat if necessary
o Cabbage Worm Cabbage		cab	bage	Make dust of 1 part paris green to 25 to 50 part bran or flour
Tabbage Aphis Turnip,	cabbage Kerosen	e emulsion Just	as soon as the insects	Reneat if necessary
Cabbage Aphis Turnip, 2 Slug Pear, c	herry Arsenat	e of lead or When	the insects appear	Or dust with lime, road dust or fine ashes
3 Red Spider Fruit t	parao	-lime wash Whe	n the leaves are off the	This will kill the winter eggs. If the mite appears i
4 Blister Mite Pear 10	eafSulphur	-lime wash When	n the leaves are off the	summer use kerosene emulsion, best adding i ounc of sulphur to the kerosene for each gallon of spra
6 Flat-head Borer Apple,	mainly			Dig out worms in fall and spring with a knife. During the growing season keep base of trunk white washed
7 Cottony Scale Pear, etc.	Kerosen	e emulsion When	n insects become cottony	Add more soap than the formula calls for. Repea
8 Scab Apple, 9 Blackspot Canker Apple	pear Bordeau Bord	ux Just	before the blossoms open.	If there is much scab, again while the last blossom are falling, using a Vermorel nozzle. Do no
o Brown Rot or	· streng	fal	ediately after the leaves	Again three weeks later
Fruit Mold Plum, o	sherry, peach Bordeau	ıx Just	before the blossoms open.	Again just after blossoms fall. Spray a third tim just as the fruit begins to ripen, with coppe acetate, 8 ounces to 50 gallons water. Before firs spraying, gather and burn mummified fruits. Thi
I Leaf Curl Peach	Sulphu	-lime wash Just	before the buds open	green fruit so that all are separated. Prune tree so as to admit much sunlight
2 Peach Mildew Peach				
3 Gooseberry Mildew Goosebe	rry Potassiı	ım sulphide, 1		Repeat at intervals of 10 days till fruit is picked
4 Scab Potato	Formali gallor	n, I lb. to 30 is water		Soak seed for two hours, then cut and plant. Do not plant in soil where scabby potatoes were grown
5 Potato Blight Potato	Bordeau	ux July	ı to 15	Again two weeks later. If blight is bad on unspraye potatoes near by, follow with a third applicatio two or three weeks later
6 Anthracnose Bean .	Bordeau	ax	n plants are well started	Again three weeks later. Follow with a third spraing three weeks later. Before planting seed rejectant diseased ones
7 Smut Wheat				Sprinkle the seed thoroughly; let it lie in a pilc tw
8 Moss and Lichens Fruit t	rees Lye or lime	strong sulphur- wash Whe	n the leaves are off the	hours; dry and plant with a clean seeder
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Bordeaux Mixture

Arsenate of Lead

It is unnecessary to use it stronger. It is more reliable than paris green. It is especially useful where there is much rain. It sticks well and does not scorch the leaves.

Sulphur-Lime Wash

Sulphur-Lime Wash
Sulphur 12 pounds
Good lime 12 pounds
Water 45 gallons
First slake the lime in the cooking vat. When slaked add the sulphur and about 10 gallons of water so that the mixture will boil easily. Keep it well stirred until boiling begins. Boil until the sulphur is completely dissolved, which usually takes less than an hour. Then add the rest of the water and the mixture is ready to spray. If may be used hot or cold. It should be poured into the spraying tank through a strainer. Salt, which was formerly added to this mixture, is wholly unnecessary. There are several ready-made sulphur-lime washes which give good results when properly diluted.

Lye

Lye (potash) 1 pound Water 10 gallons

Paris Green

Paris green I pound Good lime I pound Water I25 gallons

Slake the lime in a little water and then mix in the paris green to form a thin paste. Strain the paste into the water to remove all lumps.

IDAHO HORTICULTURAL ASSOCIATION CONVENES

HE sixth annual convention of the Idaho State Horticultural Association this year was the most successful ever held. The attendance was not only larger, but the membership for 1908 was nearly doubled.

It was the unanimous decision of those present that the varied program was the most interesting and instructive ever

presented.

One year ago this association secured an addition to our horticultural law giving the inspectors power to destroy all truits offered for sale which were marked in any way to show they were or had been infested with the San Jose scale or codling moth, and the warrry all through the convention was for better enforce-ment of our laws by our delinquent inspectors.

The president's annual address by Judge Fremont Wood of Boise was one of the ablest of the convention and fully up to his high standard of excellence He found it necessary to score some of the inspectors very severely for the sub-terfuges employed by them rather than do their duty in the enforcement of the

law.

A paper on the "Farm Orchard" was ably presented by A. McPherson of Twin Falls. He showed the value to the average farmer in planting a small orchard of the best varieties and how the care of it would repay him more fully in dollars as well as health than any other product of the farm.

Hon. Silas Wilson of Nampa, one of the foremost pomologists of our country, presented an entirely new subject to the convention in his paper on "Air Currents and Their Relation to Orchard Planting," and it proved to be a very interesting and instructive addition to the program.

A paper on "Fruits and Health," by Dr. B. F. Campbell of Payette, was very ably written and provoked many com-

ments of praise.

Professors H. T. French, J. R. Shinn and J. M. Aldrich, all from the University of Idaho at Moscow, were of great assistance to the convention with their able papers and discussions.

Perhaps the most enjoyable as well as the most instructive part of the program was the discussion of the new law.

Mr. C. C. Eiffe of Fruitland made the opening address on "Review of Our Horticultural Law; the Past and Present." He charged the board of inspection as well as the inspectors with the non-performance of their duties, and said the main thing wanted was to make the sale of wormy fruit prohibitive for any purpose other than by-products.

The discussion which followed was participated in by C. H. Sargent and Michael Harris of Payette and W. H. Dorman of Caldwell. all well-known orchardists; Attorney M. J. Reibeling of Payette, Professor J. M. Aldrich of the Livisorsity of Lights and a propher of the University of Idaho and a member of the state board of inspection, Charles P. Hartley, a prominent nurseryman of Emmett, and B. P. Shawhan, a progressive businessman of Payette.

The discussions were warmly received

and the large audience present, including some of the inspectors, had a much clearer knowledge of the new law. With the possible exception of Professor Aldrich, a member of the state inspection board, who spent most of his time in defending the action of the board in trying to evade the execution of the law, they were heartily in favor of the more strict enforcement of the law.

The last evening's session closed with the usual banquet, given by the ladies of

Payette to the members of the association, during which toasts were given and very enjoyable time was spent.

The officers for 1908 are as follows: President, Judge Fremont Wood, Boise; vice president, Professor J. R. Shinn, Moscow; secretary-treasurer, F. E. Price, Payette; directors, Captain J. H. Shaw-

han, Payette, and Carl A. Davis, Mountainhome.

It was decided to hold the next annual convention at Caldwell and committees were appointed to make an effort to secure the largest display of fruits and flowers ever shown by the association. ♦ ♦ ♦

SPRAYING NOWADAYS A PRIME NECESSITY
Selection of a Suitable Outfit an Important Consideration—Recent Productions of Leading Manufacturers

In beginning another season of fruit culture, growers are again taking up the ceaseless fight against the hordes of insects that menace their success year after year. A great number will spray this year for the first time; many who have used hand power outfits heretofore are now looking for higher and more effective pressure. In this connection comes very opportunely an announcement from The Deming Company of Salem, Ohio, that "The World's Best" line of spray pumps has been augmented by the addition of a power In beginning another season of fruit mented by the addition of a power sprayer operated by an engine of two and one-half or three and one-half horsepower as preferred. The new machine is designed along the lines that have proven so satisfactory in The Deming Company's one and one-half horsepower outfit, the manufacture of which will be eontinued, so that the grower may choose the size best adapted to his work. Literature recently issued by The Deministration ing Company will doubtless prove attractive to those who are interested in the subject of spraying and the development of appliances for earrying it on in the best manner.

FRUIT CULTURE IN SPOKANE RIVER VALLEY

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there can be made profitable results from many lines, and with the help of eanneries for the overripe produce ean carry on an independent a farming business as ean be found.

It is the ambition of those interested in the development of the irrigation of the Spokane Valley to see it produce the larger part of the needs of the market. as it is clearly seen what the keeping at home of this vast amount will mean, and it will certainly place the farming of the vicinity on a par with the mining and timber resources as a factor in Spokane's growth and development. This is what the business men now see clearly as the outcome of the irrigation business, but it is only a small item as compared with the view one can see in looking ahead, over this now comparatively barren over this now comparatively barren stretch of land gradually unfolding into a picture of thrifty homes surrounded by fruitful orchards and plentiful fields. Thousands of families engaged in profitable work in this beautiful valley, surrounded as it is by its picturesque mountain scenery, all happy and contented and healthful in their farming occupation. and satisfied with the life of being part of a big. progressive city, and yet not quite in the midst of its strenuousness. This is the view which the application of water causes the magic lantern of ime to cast upon the sheets of the future. This is the picture showing how the

seed of the irrigation enterprise was sown in the rich soil of the Spokane Valley and began to grow and bear fruit, and now bids fair to spread its new. prolific branches over all the once profitless and uninhabited area, causing it to bud forth with promises of plenty for all time to come. ♦ ♦ ♦

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THE patentees and manufacturers of the folding paper berry box believe it will supply a long-felt need of the fruit grower by supplying him with a package which will answer every pur-pose. It is easily set up in half the time it requires for the ordinary folding HE patentees and manufacturers of Among its advantages claimed for it are the ease of setting up, and the fact that there is no breakage, not one box in a thousand will be broken on account of the dryness of the material, as is so often the case with the wooden box; any child can set it up. The botbox; any child can set it up. The bottom will not sag, and berries will not bruise, because the box is so much smoother inside.

The John Day, Oregon, country, which has been raising fine quality apples for some time in a limited quantity, will this year go into the business more extensively than ever. Many acres of trees have been set this spring and orchards already there improved.

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THE TRAINING AND PRUNING OF THE GRAPEVINE

HE grape is probably the oldest of our domestic fruits. Very early in the history of the race, it is said, Noah "planted a vineyard, and drank of the fruit thereof." In most countries the grape grows wild, but is greatly improved

under cultivation.

A grape vine is pruned in order to reduce the amount of wood and to keep the plant within manageable shape or bounds. A vine is trained to keep it off the ground, out of the way of the work-man, and to so arrange the fruit that it will be exposed to light and air. In order to understand the pruning of grapes the operator must fully grasp this principle: "Fruit is grown on wood of the present season, which arises from wood of the previous season." In 1908 a shoot arises from each bud, and near the base of this shoot the grapes are borne, one to four clusters each. While every bud of the 1907 shoot may produce shoots or canes in 1908, only the strongest of these will bear fruit. The skilled grape grower can tell by the looks of his canes as he prunes in winter which buds will give rise to fruit-producing wood the following season. The stronger and larger buds generally give rise to the best results. But if the cane itself is very big and stout, or if it is very weak and slender, he does not expect good results from any of its buds. A hard, well-

ripened cane, the diameter of a man's little finger, is the ideal size.

A second principle to be mastered is this: "A vine should bear only a limited number of clusters, say thirty to eighty."

A shoot has clusters near its base.

Beyond these clusters, the shoot grows into a long leafy cane. An average of into a long, leafy cane. An average of two clusters may be reckoned to a shoot. If a vine is strong enough to bear sixty clusters, thirty buds must be left at the annual pruning. How much a vine How much a vine

should be left to bear will depend on the variety, distance apart of the vines, strength of soil, age of the vine, system

of pruning and the ideals of the grower.

The Concord is one of the strongest and most productive of grapes. Twelve to fifteen pounds is a fair crop for a mature vine; twenty pounds is a heavy crop, and twenty-five is a very heavy crop. An average cluster of Concords will weigh from one-quarter to one-half pound. The vine may be expected to carry from thirty to sixty clusters, and

the annual pruning will leave from fif-teen to thirty buds.

Since the bearing wood springs from the new canes, it follows that the fruit of the grape is each year borne farther from the main trunk. Observe that the fruit of the wild vine is borne beyond reach, when they climb over thickets and trees. It is a prime object of the grape grower to obviate this difficulty. The third principle in grape growing is: "The bearing wood should be kept near the original head or trunk of the vine."

When one cane is sending out fruitbearing shoots, another shoot is taken out from near the trunk to furnish fruitbearing shoots for the next year, and the older cane is entirely cut away after the fruit is off. That is, the wood is constantly being renewed, and the new shoots which are to give bearing wood for the following year are called renewals.

The three main principles of pruning should be repeated until one is thoroughly familiar with them, and if this is done there is little trouble. They are as

follows:

First—"Fruit is grown on wood of the present season which springs from wood

of the previous season."

Second—"A vine should bear only a limited number of clusters, say thirty to

Third—"The bearing wood should be the vine."

Memorize these rules and follow them but little difficulty will be experienced.

HORTICULTURAL MEETING AT GOLDENDALE

THE Klickitat Horticultural Society held an interesting meeting at Gold-endale, Washington, March 14. Owing to the inclemency of the weather it was not so largely attended as it should have been, but from the amount of interest manifested and instruction disseminated it was one of the best meetings that the society has held. A large display of Klickitat apples, pears and almonds was on exhibition and elicited much favorable comment on account of their fine quality.

Fruit Inspector Olsen made a very able and instructive address on spraying and pruning, and also answered many questions pertaining to these subjects. J. W. Gillenwaters, one of the leading fruit men of the county, made a very instructive talk on "How to Raise a Better Quality of Fruit." He has recently sold his fine fruit farm on the Columbia River. and will make his future home in the Yakima country.

The Klickitat Development League appeared before the meeting and urged the members to subscribe for "Better Fruit." It is to be hoped that every fruit man in Klickitat County will soon become a subscriber to this excellent

publication.

Klickitat County claims it has fruit land that is unexcelled anywhere in the state; that irrigation is not necessary, and that the yield is wonderful and quality unsurpassed. A great awakening is now taking place in the fruit industry of the county, and at one place 18,000 fruit trees and 10,000 grape vines are being planted this spring.

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ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM DIFFERENT SECTIONS

Twisp Valley, in Okanogan County, Washington, will soon be one great orchard, according to reports received from there. This is an irrigated section and water for the orchard will be taken that Twice Piver, A canal for this from the Twisp River. A canal for this purpose has already been built and land on both sides of the river for a distance of ten miles is under irrigation. Much fruit was shipped from this section this vear, and the increase in acreage means that it will be but a short time before many thousand boxes will be going to market from this point.

Roseburg, Oregon, was the place of meeting of the Douglas County fruit growers during the past month, and fifty enthusiastic members were in attendance. The array of speakers was an imposing one, among them being Professor C. I. Lewis and A. B. Cordley of the State Agricultural College, Secretary H. M. Williamson of the State Board of Horticulture, Commissioner A. H. Carson of this horticultural district, and County Fruit Inspector G. W.

Ashland, Oregon, Fruit and Produce Association at its annual meeting last month demonstrated that it handled considerable fruit last year notwithstanding the fact that it has been hampered by the withdrawal of growers from its ranks. At a subsequent meeting President Gillette made a strong plea for members of the association to stand together this year and also for those who had withdrawn to come back into the fold. Plans for extending the scope of the association and increasing its business were outlined by him, and it is believed that this year it will be stronger than for several years.

Whitman County, Washington, fruit growers recently organized a temporary association at Colfax by electing W. L. La Follette president and Professor Hornber secretary. The president was authorized to appoint a committee in each precinct to secure members, and a permanent organization will be formed as soon as the desired number are secured.

Cliffs, Washington, the new town on the North Bank Railroad, is the latest addition to the ranks of the many fruit districts in the Northwest. This is the town that has been selected as the end of the division on the new railroad, and 4000 acres will be planted to trees this year.

Grants Pass, Oregon, fruit growers held a lively meeting March 20. One of the matters taken up for consideration was that of labeling fruit boxes.

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Heretofore the boxes have been sten-cilled. This has not been satisfactory to the association, and Charles Meserve, the energetic secretary, was authorized to secure designs for lithographs to be used on boxes during the coming season. The subject of winter and summer spraying was also taken up and observations will be made by experienced orchardists this spring in order to determine the proper dates to spray for the codlin moth. The threatened invasion of pear blight in that district also received the attention of the meeting and measures will be taken to try and heep it from securing a foothold there. H. D. Eisman, fruit inspector for Josephine County, received recognition at the hands of the meeting for his efficient services, and other matters of importance were transacted.

Puyallup, Washington, berry growers Puyallup, Washington, berry growers are very much interested in experiments being made by Professor W. H. Lawrence of the experimental station near there, which are expected to result in abolishing anthracnose which has been making inroads on the berries in that district. It is thought that some means will be devised of remedying the trouble and save growers there a considerble and save growers there a considerable loss.

Kennewick, Washington, which like other districts sometimes experiences late spring frosts, will this year try smudging with crude oil, should there be any danger of damage to their early fruit crop there. So far the finest kind of spring weather has been obtaining at Kennewick, and it is not expected that it will be necessary to resort to this system. ♦ ♦ ♦

This Invention Simplifies Farming

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spring-tooth or spike-tooth used separately.

Where in former years it was necessary to go over new plowing with a spring-tooth harrow to break up the sods, following with a spike-tooth to complete the process, this new harrow does it all at one operation, thus saving half the time of men and team. This harrow has also developed many other features in actual use, which are highly features in actual use, which are highly approved by agricultural experiment stations and all who have used it.

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CO-OPERATION IN THE BUSINESS OF CANNING

WHEN it is proposed to form a canning company in a town the first thought of most people is to organize a co-operative concern. So let me say a word just here about co-operation. It has no place in the canning business. It is a sophistry, a delusion, a snare. However successful it may have proven (if it has) in the handling, shipping and marketing of fruit, it falls down when



JOHN S. HUGHES

applied to canning. I do not know of a single instance of a successful co-operative canning plant of more than three years' standing.

Just one man is responsible for the

Just one man is responsible for the success of every co-operative enterprise. That man gives brains, time, labor and even capital, which in his own business would yield big profits, freely to the co-operative company. He receives in pay therefor a meager salary, often none, an abundance of criticism, misunderstanding and abuse. By the end of three years he gets tired. Then the men who know it all step in and run the business. It soon makes sounds like an aggregation of Kilkenny cats. And at last there is the Devil to pay.

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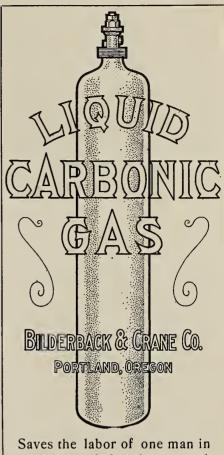
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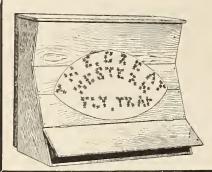
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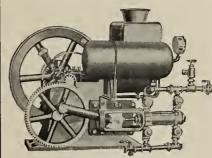
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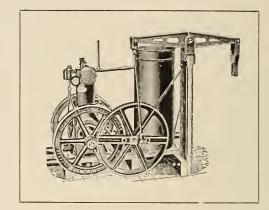
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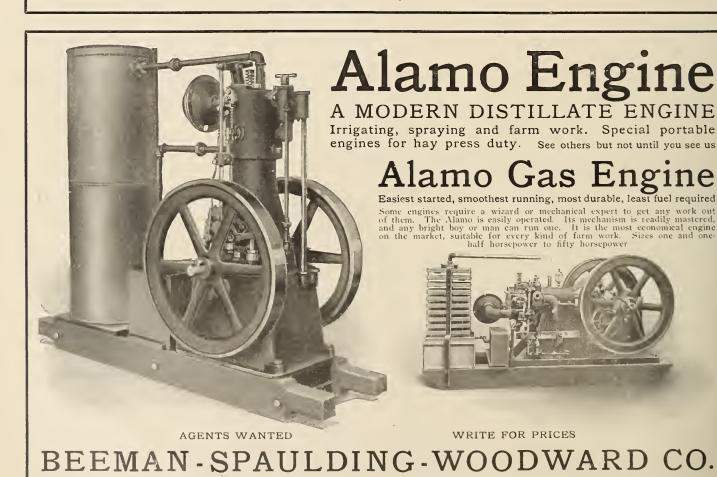
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